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SUMMARY:

AP LONDON REPORTS HAK GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC ABLE ARRANGE
TERMS BROAD ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN SINAI. HAK PLANS MEET
BITSIOS IN BRUSSELS. HAK'S MISSION CLOUDED GUERRILLA RAID
IN TEL AVIV. CBS-TV KALB LONDON SAYS HAK SENT SYMPATHY
MESSAGE RABIN AND LIMITED PUBLIC REACTION TO CONDEMNATION.
HAK WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF REPRISAL. ABC-TV KOPPEL
CARDIFF SAYS HAK'S REACTION RAID PREDICTABLE BUT UNDERLINES
IMPORTANCE OF MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE.

WIRES:

AP SCHWEID - LONDON: "HAK IS GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC THAT HE
WILL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE TERMS FOR A BROAD ISRAELI WITHDRAW-
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AL IN THE SINAI DESERT. BUT U.S. OFFICIALS IN HAK'S PARTY
STRESSED THAT NEITHER ISRAEL NOR EGYPT HAS GIVEN HIM A FOR-
MAL POSITION. HAK STOPPED IN BRITAIN TO ATTEND CEREMONIES
TODAY HONORING BRITISH FS CALLAGHAN IN CARDIFF. HE ALSO

PLANNED TO MEET GREEK FM BITSIOS IN BRUSSELS ON FRIDAY SEEK-
ING A WAY TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GREEK AND
TURKISH CYPRIOTS. THEN HE FLIES TO EGYPT. HAK'S MISSION
WAS CLOUDED AT THE OUTSET BY THE BLOODY PALESTINIAN
GUERRILLA RAID IN TEL AVIV. OFFICIALS POINTED OUT THAT A
SIMILAR TERRORISTS RAID ON AN ISRAELI SCHOOL LAST MAY HAD
NO NOTICEABLE EFFECT ON HAK'S NEGOTIATIONS AT THE TIME FOR
AN ISRAELI-SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT."

TV/RADIO:

1. KALB, CBS RADIO ("FIRST-LINE REPORT") - LONDON: "HOW
DID SECRETARY KISSINGER PREPARE FOR ANOTHER NEGOTIATION
IN THE ME? HE GOES SIGHTSEEING IN CARDIFF, WALES, THAT IS
HOW. HAK LEAVES TOMORROW FOR THE ME -- ASWAN HIS FIRST
STOP; ANOTHER MAJOR NEGOTIATION BECKONS. HAK IS TRYING
TO ARRANGE AN EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT IN THE SINAI RE-
SULTING, HE HOPES, IN A SUBSTANTIAL ISRAELI PULLBACK IN
EXCHANGE FOR A MEANINGFUL EGYPTIAN PLEDGE OF NON-AGGRES-
SION. IF THE SECRETARY SUCCEEDS THE RESULT MAY BE HISTOR-
IC; IF HE FAILS, TO QUOTE ONE OFFICIAL, 'A SUMMER OF
CRISIS WILL UNFOLD.' THE STAKES ARE OBVIOUSLY ENORMOUS.

"WHAT IS HAK DOING TODAY? HE IS SIGHTSEEING IN CARDIFF,
WALES. WHY CARDIFF? BECAUSE THE BRITISH FS, JAMES
CALLAGHAN, IS RECEIVING AN AWARD THERE AND HE WANTS THE
SECRETARY TO BE PRESENT FOR IT. HAK LIKES CALLAGHAN SO
HE ACCEPTED THE INVITATION, HENCE CARDIFF, HENCE THE TOUR
OF OLD CASTLES DANK AND DAMP WITH THE MOSS OF TIME AND
HENCE AN AFTER DINNER SPEECH COMPLETE WITH THE USUAL
RHETORICAL FLOURISHES. CARDIFF SUGGESTS THAT HAK FEELS
HE NEEDS NO ADDITIONAL PREPARATION FOR THIS ME EFFORT. IN
A WAY THAT IS CORRECT. HE HAS BEEN PREPARING FOR THIS
NEGOTIATION SINCE LAST AUGUST WHEN HE INVITED A NUMBER OF
ARAB FMS AND THE ISRAELI FM TO COME TO WASHINGTON TO DIS-
CUSS THE NEXT STAGE IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTIATION. AT
THAT TIME HAK WAS CONSIDERING A TWO-PRONGED APPROACH --
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ONE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN FOCUSING ON THE WEST BANK;
THE OTHER BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL FOCUSING ON THE SINAI.
THAT APPROACH CONTINUED THROUGH SEPTEMBER THROUGH FOLLOW-
UP TALKS AT THE UN. THEN HE JOURNEYED OUT TO THE ME IN
EARLY OCTOBER TO KEEP ALL OF HIS DUCKS IN LINE. THEY ARE
IN LINE, BUT THERE WAS A FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM ON THE HORI-
ZON-- AN ARAB SUMMIT MEETING IN LATE OCTOBER WHICH DECIDED
TO ELEVATE THE PLO INTO A PRIME NEGOTIATOR FOR THE WEST
BANK. BECAUSE THE PLO CONTINUES TO CALL, IN EFFECT, FOR
A NEW PALESTINIAN STATE TO REPLACE ISRAEL THE ISRAELIS
DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT. THAT
EFFECTIVELY SHUT OFF ANY POSSIBILITY OF A WEST BANK NEO-
TIATION. A DEEP GLOOM SETTLED OVER THE AREA IN NOVEMBER

AND DECEMBER. HAK COOLED HIS HEELS IN WASHINGTON. "IN JANUARY HE BEGAN TO PLAY HIS ONLY OPTION, THE SINAI NEGOTIATION. THAT WAS PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAEL AND EGYPT. THE ISRAELI FM RETURNED TO WASHINGTON IN MID-JANUARY AND BY MID-FEBRUARY KISSINGER WAS BACK IN THE ME WANDERING BETWEEN CAIRO AND JERUSALEM WITH SIDE TRIPS TO RIYADH, DAMASCUS AND AQABA, TESTING THE POSSIBILITIES OF A DEAL. HE CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE POSSIBILITY LOOKED PROMISING AND HE DECIDED TO RETURN TO THE ME AT THIS TIME TO COMPLETE -- THAT IS HIS VERB -- TO COMPLETE THE NEGOTIATION. IT IS GOING TO BE A VERY TOUGH NEGOTIATION; ON THAT EVERYONE AGREES. NOTHING IS YET FIXED AND YET THE SHAPE OF A SETTLEMENT IS ALREADY IN HAK'S MIND THOUGH HE KEEPS THAT SHAPE A TIGHTLY HELD SECRET. STILL, SOME IDEAS HAVE EMERGED. FIRST, HAK IS THINKING OF A MAJOR DEAL. SECOND, HE IS CONSIDERING A FOLLOWUP NEGOTIATION ON THE GOLAN FRONT BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL. AND FINALLY, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE TERRORIST ATTACK IN TEL AVIV WILL CHANGE THE SECRETARY'S PLANS ABOUT VISITING EGYPT AND ISRAEL. HE FIGURES TOO MUCH IS ON THE LINE TO STOP NOW."

2. TED KOPPEL, ABC-TV (VIA TELEPHONE FROM CARDIFF) -- AM AMERICA:

JENNINGS: "WHAT WAS HAK'S REACTION WHEN HE HEARD THE NEWS?"

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KOPPEL: "WELL, PETER, THE SECRETARY'S REACTION WAS PREDICTABLE IN JUST ABOUT EVERY ASPECT BUT ONE. HE SAID THAT WE, OF COURSE, COMPLETELY CONDEMN SUCH SENSELESS ACTS OF VIOLENCE, BUT HE UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE AND THAT HE HOPED THAT THE PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE WOULD CONTINUE. HE THEN SAID THAT HE HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO ISRAELI PM RABIN BUT HE ADDED HE HAS SENT NO ADVICE AND THAT I THINK IS THE ONLY UNPREDICTABLE PART OF HIS STATEMENT."

JENNINGS: "UNPREDICTABLE, I THINK, TED, BECAUSE IN THE PAST THE SECRETARY HAS ADVISED THE ISRAELIS TO REFRAIN FROM REPRISALS, HASN'T HE?"

KOPPEL: "THAT IS CORRECT."

JENNINGS: "AND WHAT DO YOU IMPLY FROM THIS?"

KOPPEL: "WELL, YOU MUST REMEMBER, PETER, THAT JUST TEN MONTHS AGO WHEN THE SECRETARY WAS SHUTTLEING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL, THERE WAS A SIMILAR INCIDENT WHEN ARAB TERRORISTS ATTACKED A SCHOOL HOUSE IN MA'ALOT

AND THAT TIME, OF COURSE, THE SECRETARY DID URGE THE ISRAELIS AGAINST REPRISALS. I THINK HE NOW FEELS THAT IT WOULD BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE. HE HAS MADE THAT POINT SO MANY TIMES IN THE PAST THAT HE DOESN'T FEEL THAT REPRISALS ADD TO THE PROCESS OF PEACE MAKING. BUT I THINK HE NOW FEELS THAT HE WOULD ONLY OFFEND THE ISRAELIS AT A TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW BY DOING ANYTHING MORE THAN SIMPLY EXPRESSING HIS OWN PERSONAL SYMPATHIES TO ALL THOSE AFFECTED."

JENNINGS: "AND IT PROBABLY SHOULD BE POINTED OUT TOO, TED, THAT IN THE WIDER CONTEXT OF EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS THE MA'ALOT ATTACK LAST TIME DID NOT IMPEDE DR. KISSINGER'S PROGRESS, DID IT?"

KOPPEL: "THAT IS CORRECT. IN FACT, IN THE EYES OF ARAB MODERATES -- AND WE WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO INCLUDE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT IN THAT GROUPING -- I THINK THIS ONLY UNDERLINES THE NECESSITY OF CONTINUING THIS PROCESS LOOKING AT IT FROM A VERY COLD BLOODED AND OBJECTIVE POINT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF VIEW. I DON'T THINK IT IS GOING TO HURT THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AT ALL; IN FACT, IT MAY EVEN GIVE IT THAT ADDED SHOT OF IMPETUS."

3. MARVIN KALB, CBS-TV - LONDON: "HAK QUICKLY SENT A MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO PM RABIN BUT HE OFFERED THE ISRAELI LEADER NO ADVICE AND HE LIMITED HIS PUBLIC REACTION TO ONE OF CONDEMNATION. WHEN HAK GOT THE NEWS OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK, HE MUST HAVE SAID SOMETHING LIKE 'HERE WE GO AGAIN.' THE FACT IS THAT LAST MAY DURING HIS STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO GET A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL, PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS STRUCK AT MA'ALOT, DISRUPTING BUT ONLY TEMPORARILY THE SECRETARY'S DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS. THIS TIME HAK EXPECTS NO DISRUPTION AT ALL, THOUGH HE WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF ISRAEL IN REPRISAL STRUCK AT PALESTINIAN CAMPS IN LEBANON."

NEWSPAPERS:

1. NYTIMES (PAGE 3) CARRIES BRIEF AP STORY UPON HAK'S ARRIVAL LONDON DESCRIBING HAK'S DEPARTURE FROM WH WITH HEARTY HANDSHAKE FROM PRESIDENT FORD AND KISS FROM MRS. FORD.

2. NYDAILY NEWS (PAGE 6) CARRIES BRIEF CARTER STORY DATE-LINE WASHINGTON DESCRIBING HAK'S DEPARTURE WH. ACCOMPANIED 3-COLUMN PIC PRES FORD, HAK KISSING FIRST LADY.

3. BALTSUN (PAGE 4) MILLS FROM LONDON STATES HAK ARRIVED FOR SOME CEREMONIAL DIPLOMACY BEFORE ANOTHER ROUND ME SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY. REPORTERS ABOARD HAK'S PLANE WERE TOLD

THAT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL MIGHT FOLLOW NEW DISENGAGEMENT OF SINAI DESERT. BUT SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL EMPHASIZED THAT THIS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES FOR NEXT PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS. ANOTHER IS THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD MOVE BACK TO GENEVA.

4. LATIMES (PAGE 4) CARRIES UPI CURTAIN-RAISER FROM WASHINGTON DESCRIBING HAK'S DEPARTURE ON 11TH PEACE TRIP TO ME WITH HAK MODERATELY OPTIMISTIC.

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LATE AP WIRE ITEM, SCHWEID FROM CARDIFF:

"HAK RAN INTO A HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION BY JEERING CYPRIOTS TODAY DURING A SIDE TRIP TO THIS WELSH COAL PORT. THE SECRETARY IS IN BRITAIN ON THE WAY TO THE MIDDLE EAST, WHERE HE HOPES TO ARRANGE A BROAD ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN THE SINAI PENINSULA.

"ABOUT 400 DEMONSTRATORS CARRYING BANNERS READING "KISSINGER -- WAR-MONGER" AND "KISSINGER -- HANDS OFF CYPRUS" SHOUTED OBSCENITIES AT HIM AND HIS WIFE NANCY AS THEY LEFT CEREMONIES HONORING BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY JAMES CALLAGHAN AT THE CITY HALL. OFFICIALS SAID THE DEMONSTRATORS, SOME USING BULLHORNS, WERE MAINLY YOUNG MARXISTS AND CYPRIOTS WHO BLAME THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PLIGHT OF THEIR DIVIDED ISLAND. SECURITY OFFICIALS KEPT THE DEMONSTRATORS FAR FROM THE OFFICIAL PARTY. HAK AND CALLAGHAN PAID LITTLE HEED TO THE PROTESTERS."

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